

Indiana's Public Hunting Areas

The following properties are open to the public for hunting during legal seasons. Trapping is available at most properties by drawing only. State wetland conservation areas are open to licensed hunters and trappers during legal seasons.

Contact the property where you wish to hunt or trap for information on rules and regulations.

Brown

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Yellowwood State Forest

Near Nashville. Hunting for grouse, squirrel, deer, woodcock, turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 23,330

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (812) 988-7945

Carroll

Eller Pond Wetland Conservation Area

Near Flora. Hunting for waterfowl.

Acreage: 39 Camping: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Winamac FWA, (574) 946-4422

Clark

Clark State Forest and Deam Lake State Recreation Area

Near Henryville. Hunting for grouse, quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, and turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 24,850

Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes, for shooting range only

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (812) 294-4306

Clay

Chinook Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Terre Haute. Hunting for deer,

turkey, quail, rabbit, squirrel, woodcock, ducks and geese. No waterfowl blinds available. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 2291

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area, (812) 268-5640

Crawford

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Harrison-Crawford State Forest

Near Corydon. Hunting for rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Grouse hunting in Crawford County only. Jump shooting for ducks on rivers and ponds. Night hunting for raccoon. Camping in nearby O'Bannon Woods State Park.

Acreage: 24,000

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: Harrison-Crawford State Forest (812) 738-8232

Patoka Lake

East of Jasper. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, grouse, snipe, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds and lake. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 25,583 (8,800 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (812) 685-2464

Daviess

Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Washington. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Waterfowl hunting at lake, marsh blinds, jump shooting on ponds (boats available). Night hunting for raccoon, fox and coyote.

Acreage: 8,061

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (812) 644-7711

Dubois

Barnes-Seng Wetland Conservation Area

Near Jasper. Hunting for waterfowl, raccoon.

Acreage: 105

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Glendale FWA, (812) 644-7731

Ferdinand State Forest

Near Ferdinand. Hunting for deer, squirrel, and turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 7,680

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (812) 367-1524

Patoka Lake

East of Jasper. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, grouse, snipe, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds and lake. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 25,583 (8,800 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (812) 685-2464



Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox. Acreage: 200,000
Camping: Yes Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: USDA, Forest Service – Hoosier National Forest
Contact: (812) 275-5987

Franklin

Brookville Lake

Near Liberty. Hunting for quail, rabbit, deer, squirrel, snipe, turkey, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting at main lake and marshes. Night hunting for raccoon and fox. Acreage: 16,445 (5,260 water)
Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs
Contact: (765) 647-2657

Fulton

Manitou Islands Wetland Conservation Area – Judy Burton Nature Preserve

Near Rochester. Hunting for waterfowl, limited for deer and small game. Acreage: 460 in three tracts
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Winamac FWA, (574) 946-4422

Gibson

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area

Near Oakland City. Hunting for duck, geese, coot, rail, snipe, dove, quail, pheasant, rabbit, fox, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Acreage: 5,380
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: Patoka River NWR and MA
Contact: (812) 749-3199

Greene

Greene-Sullivan State Forest

Near Dugger. Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting available. Acreage: 8,900
Camping: Yes, self-registration required
Shooting range: No
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry
Contact: (812) 648-2810

Hillenbrand Fish and Wildlife Area

North of Linton. Hunting for quail, dove, rabbit, deer, woodcock, turkey. Limited waterfowl hunting on ponds and lakes. Acreage: 3,200 in two tracts (east and west of SR 59)
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Minnehaha FWA, (812) 268-5640

Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area

South of Linton. Hunting for quail, rabbit, deer, woodcock, waterfowl. Limited turkey and squirrel hunting. Night hunting for raccoon, fox, coyote. Acreage: 8,064
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Goose Pond FWA, (812) 665-2207



Harrison

Harrison-Crawford State Forest

Near Corydon. Hunting for rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Grouse hunting in Crawford County only. Jump shooting for ducks on rivers and ponds. Night hunting for raccoon. Camping in nearby O'Bannon Woods State Park. Acreage: 24,000
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry
Contact: Harrison-Crawford State Forest (812) 738-8232

Henry

Wilbur Wright Fish and Wildlife Area

Near New Castle. Hunting for dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, woodcock. Limited waterfowl hunting. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 1,070
Camping: No Shooting range: Yes (self-service on site)
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: (765) 529-9581

Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area

Near Mt. Summit. Hunting for dove, quail, rabbit, deer, woodcock and waterfowl hunting on pond and marsh. Waterfowl hunting is by drawing only on regular season opening weekend. Night hunting for raccoon and fox. Acreage: 210 (60 acres water)
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve on site)
Managed by DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Wilbur Wright FWA, (765) 529-9581

Huntington

J. Edward Roush Lake (Huntington Reservoir)

Near Huntington. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, deer, snipe, woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Waterfowl hunting on ponds, marshes and lake. Night hunting for raccoon and fox. Turkey hunting by drawing. Acreage: 8,217 (900 water, 6,000 acres open to hunting)
Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs
Contact: (260) 468-2165

Jackson

Jackson-Washington State Forest

Near Brownstown. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, grouse, turkey. Limited waterfowl hunting. Muscatatuck River access. Night hunting for raccoon. Acreage: 17,000
Camping: Yes Shooting range: No
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry
Contact: (812) 358-2160

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

At Seymour. Hunting for quail, rabbit. Deer hunting by permit only. See military/refuge deer hunt information on page 36. Acreage: 7,724 (1,400 open to quail, rabbit hunting and 6,000 open to deer hunting)
Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: U.S. Dept. of the Interior,
National Wildlife Refuge System
Contact: (812) 522-4352

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.
Acreage: 200,000
Camping: Yes Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: USDA, Forest Service
– Hoosier National Forest
Contact: (812) 275-5987

Jasper

Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Medaryville. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, snipe, turkey, woodcock, deer. Duck and goose hunting from blinds and jump shooting (boats available). Night hunting for raccoon and fox.
Acreage: 8,000
Camping: No Shooting range: Yes
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: (219) 843-4841

Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

North of Wheatfield. Hunting for small game, turkey, woodcock. Archery hunting only for deer. Limited waterfowl hunting by daily drawing at Jasper-Pulaski FWA.
Acreage: 656
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes, for waterfowl
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Jasper-Pulaski FWA, (219) 843-4841

Jefferson

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

Near Madison. Hunting for deer and turkey by pre-season and daily drawings.
Acreage: 50,000
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: USFWS
Contact: (812) 273-0783

Jennings

Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area

Near North Vernon. Hunting for quail, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, deer, woodcock. Limited jump shooting for ducks on ponds and small marshes, first come-first served basis. Night hunting for raccoon, coyote and fox.

Acreage: 4,228
Camping: No Shooting range: Yes
Archery range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: (812) 346-5596

Selmier State Forest

North of North Vernon. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, deer, turkey. Day use only.
Acreage: 355
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry
Contact: (812) 346-2286

Johnson

Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Edinburgh. Hunting for quail, turkey, rabbit, dove, deer, squirrel, grouse, woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Duck hunting on ponds, small marshes. Goose hunting from designated areas. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.
Acreage: 6,206
Camping: No
Shooting range: CLOSED UNTIL SPRING 2007
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: (812) 526-2051

Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver and Training Center

Near Edinburgh. Hunting for quail, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, deer (archery) and woodcock as military operations allow. Deer (firearms) hunting by permit only. See military/refuge deer hunt information on page 36. Hunter education required.
Acreage: 27,000
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (at Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area)
Managed by: Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver and Training Center.
Contact: Atterbury FWA, (812) 526-2051

Kosciusko

Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Syracuse. Hunting for dove, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, deer. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Duck and goose hunting from non-blind locations at ponds and fields. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.
Acreage: 3,486
Camping: No Shooting range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR (Division of Fish and

Wildlife)
Contact: (574) 834-4461

Deniston Resource Area

Near Larwill and Pierceton. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, deer, waterfowl, pheasant, turkey.
Acreage: 300
Camping: Yes (primitive, walk-in)
Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Tri-County FWA, (574) 834-4461

Lagrange

Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Mongo. Hunting for furbearers, rabbit, squirrel, deer, dove, turkey, pheasant, snipe, woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Duck hunting from water sites and jump shooting. Goose hunting from designated areas. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.
Acreage: 11,600
Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: (260) 367-2164

Turkey Creek Wetland Conservation Area

Near Bushy Prairie. Hunting for deer, rabbit and squirrel.
Acreage: 6
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Pigeon River FWA (260) 367-2164

Lake

Badal Trust Area

Located near Schneider. Access by river only. Hunting for ducks, geese, deer, squirrel.
Acreage: 24
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: LaSalle FWA, (219) 992-3019

Beaver Dam Wetland Conservation Area

Near Crown Point. Trapping and fishing. No hunting allowed. No parking available.
Acreage: 17.6
Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No
Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: LaSalle FWA, (219) 992-3019

LaPorte

Fish Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near LaPorte. Hunting for squirrel, deer, turkey, pheasant, rabbit, dove, waterfowl.

Acreage: 240

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Kingsbury FWA, (219) 393-3612

Galena Wetland Conservation Area

Near LaPorte. Hunting for squirrel, turkey, deer, waterfowl.

Acreage: 165

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Kingsbury FWA, (219) 393-3612

Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area

Near LaPorte. Hunting for deer, squirrel, turkey, rabbit, pheasant, dove. Waterfowl hunting from blinds and jump shooting. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 7,120

Camping: No Shooting range: Yes (Fee)

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (219) 393-3612/Shooting Range: (219) 393-1128

Lawrence

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Marshall

Maxinkuckee Wetland Conservation Area

South end of Lake Maxinkuckee. Limited hunting for waterfowl.

Acreage: 76

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Winamac FWA, (574) 946-4422

Menominee Wetland Conservation Area

Near Plymouth. Hunting for deer, turkey, small game, and waterfowl.

Acreage: 958

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Winamac FWA, (574) 946-4422



Martin

Martin State Forest

Near Shoals. Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, and turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 8066

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (812) 247-3491

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Miami

Frances Slocum State Forest

Southeast of Peru. Hunting for deer, squirrel, rabbit. Turkey hunting by drawing. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 508

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: Mississinewa Reservoir, (765) 473-6528

Mississinewa Lake

Southeast of Peru, south of Wabash. Hunt-

ing for rabbit, deer, squirrel, quail, woodcock, snipe. Duck and goose hunting on ponds, lake, and river. Night hunting for raccoon, opossum, coyote, and fox. Turkey hunting by drawing.

Acreage: 14,386 (3,210 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (765) 473-6528

Monroe

Monroe Lake

Near Bloomington. Hunting for quail, rabbit, grouse, squirrel, turkey, deer, snipe, dove, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting on ponds, marshes, and main lake. Night hunting for fox, coyote, and raccoon.

Acreage: 23,952 (10,750 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR (Division of Parks and Reservoirs)

Contact: (812) 837-9546

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Morgan

Morgan-Monroe State Forest

Near Martinsville and Bloomington. Hunting for quail, squirrel, deer, grouse, turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 25,561

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (765) 342-4026

Newton

LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Lake Village. Hunting for quail, turkey, rabbit, pheasant, squirrel, deer, woodcock, dove. Duck and goose hunting from marsh blinds or jump shooting on river bayous. Night hunting for raccoon, fox.

Acreage: 3,797

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (219) 992-3019

Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Morocco. Hunting for quail, rabbit, turkey, pheasant, squirrel, deer, snipe, dove, and woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Duck hunting from blinds and open areas. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 9,956

Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (219) 285-2704

Kankakee Sands (The Nature Conservancy)

North of Morocco on US 41. Hunting for waterfowl, turkey, quail, pheasant, turkey, dove, deer.

Acreage: 7,209

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes, at Willow Slough FWA

Managed by: The Nature Conservancy

Contact: Willow Slough FWA, (219) 285-2704

Noble

Eagle Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near Ligonier. Hunting for waterfowl, deer, squirrel, rabbit.

Acreage: 137

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Tri-County FWA, (574) 834-4461

Mallard Roost Wetland Conservation Area

Near Ligonier. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, furbearers, waterfowl, deer, pheasant.

Acreage: 760

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Tri-County FWA, (574) 834-4461

Rome City Wetland Conservation Area

Near Rome City. Hunting for waterfowl, furbearers.

Acreage: 50

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Tri-County FWA, (574) 834-4461

Orange

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer,

grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams.

Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Patoka Lake

East of Jasper. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, grouse, snipe, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds and lake. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 25,583 (8,800 water)

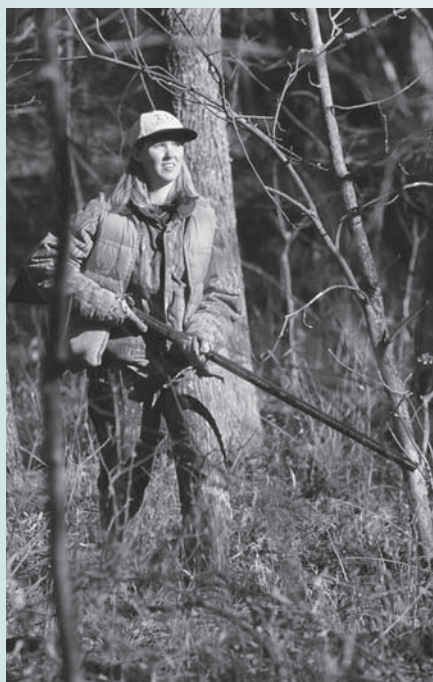
Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (812) 685-2464



Owen

Owen-Putnam State Forest

Near Spencer. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 6,322

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: (812) 829-2462

Parke

Raccoon State Recreation Area

Cecil M. Harden Lake

Nine miles east of Rockville on US 36.

Hunting for waterfowl, rabbit, deer, and dove. Night hunting for raccoon in designated management units only. Handicapped hunting opportunities for dove, deer, and limited waterfowl (depending on water levels).

Acreage: 4,065 (2,060 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (765) 344-1412

Perry

Hoosier National Forest

Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, dove, turkey, woodcock. Duck hunting on ponds, lakes, and streams. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 200,000

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: USDA, Forest Service

– Hoosier National Forest

Contact: (812) 275-5987

Pike

Pike State Forest

Near Winslow. Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, turkey. Night hunting for raccoon.

Acreage: 3,089

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Forestry

Contact: Ferdinand State Forest (812) 367-1524

Sugar Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Winslow. Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Very limited waterfowl hunting. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 8,100

Camping: No Shooting range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (812) 789-2724

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area

Near Oakland City. Hunting for duck, geese, coot, rail, snipe, dove, quail, pheasant, rabbit, fox, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock.

Acreage: 5,380

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: Patoka River NWR and MA

Contact: (812) 749-3199

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DNR Law Enforcement Division

Serving the public and protecting the natural resources of the State of Indiana

Indiana Conservation Officers assist during emergencies, enforce state laws, conduct outdoor education programs, and perform rescue operations.

Hunter Education

Learn hunter responsibility and ethics, wildlife conservation and management, firearms safety, wildlife identification, survival, and first aid. The program is for all Hoosiers who enjoy the outdoors. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1986 must successfully complete a class offered by the DNR. Courses are offered statewide. For a listing of available classes, or to replace a lost card, visit www.dnr.IN.gov.

Boat Indiana

Boaters must obey laws pertaining to registration and titling, safety laws, and operational regulations. Access the Handbook on Boating Laws and Responsibilities at boat-ed.com/in/handbook. An online certification course is also offered at boat-ed.com/in.

T.I.P. (Turn in a Poacher)

T.I.P. is a program to eliminate the illegal taking of Indiana's fish and wildlife and stop pollution and destruction of rivers and wetlands. Rewards are offered. Call 800-TIP-IDNR.

DNR Law Enforcement Offices:

DNR Headquarters
402 W. Washington St., Rm W255D
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-232-4010
dnr.IN.gov

North Region Headquarters
765-473-9722

South Region Headquarters
812-837-9536



The newest DNR Fish and Wildlife Area

Goose Pond

by John Maxwell

***New 8,000-acre DNR property
will be managed for wildlife
viewing, hunting and trapping***

Hunters, anglers and wildlife watchers have new territory to explore in Greene County. Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area, a new 8,000-acre property located between the towns of Linton and Sanborn, opened last November.

"We believe Goose Pond will be a tremendous environmental asset to the region and to the entire state," said DNR Director Kyle Hupfer.

The DNR has preliminary plans to improve access and to manage habitat for shorebirds, waterbirds and waterfowl. The DNR does not charge an entrance fee at Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area.

With the addition of Goose Pond, 140,000 acres across Indiana now are open as fish and wildlife areas and available for hunting and fishing. Fees from the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses and associated sporting equipment fund fish and wildlife area management.

"This will be an extraordinary opportunity for Hoosiers who love to view wildlife, hunt or trap," Hupfer said. "Added to our existing resources, the Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife area will provide a tremendous outdoor recreation opportunity for Hoosiers and help all of us develop a better understand-

ing of Indiana wildlife and our natural surroundings.”

Just under \$2 million of the \$8 million Goose Pond purchase price came from state coffers and half a million of that was funded through the Indiana Heritage Trust by sales of the Environmental License Plate. Other state money included gamebird habitat stamp and duck stamp receipts.

Approximately \$4.7 million came from three U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants and the Federal Highway Administration. Major contributors besides the DNR and the Indiana Heritage Trust Program were The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited.

Prior to the DNR's acquisition, Ducks Unlimited worked with the USDA-NRCS through the Wetlands Reserve Program to design and restore Beehunter Marsh and portions of Goose Pond. More than 2,200 acres of restoration work has been completed by Ducks Unlimited, including wetland restoration, bottomland hardwood reforestation and native prairie establishment.

More Goose Pond information: www.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/goosepond/.

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More choices for young hunters this fall

by Ben Shadley

For Indiana sportsmen like 9-year-old Kade Carter, finding time to hunt just got easier. This year, the DNR is offering three opportunities just for those 15 years old or younger. A youth spring turkey season, deer season, and small game free hunting weekend are all part of this year's hunting regulations.

The future of hunting sits squarely on the small, but growing, shoulders of young men and women like Kade. Earlier this year, in a blind next to his father, Kade renewed a tradition that can't be bought, sold or recreated by the most advanced computer. He killed his first turkey, a 23-pound bird with an 11-inch beard.

The evening before the hunt, I met Kade for the first time. He was warming up with his 20-gauge Mossberg on clay birds I was throwing off of our back patio. The shooting was tough with his full choke shotgun and he asked to shoot our 12-gauge that was leaning nearby. Kade had to lean back to compensate for the weight and length of the gun we referred to as one of our "waterfowl cannons." To skeptical looks all around, he stood next to the trap wrestling a 3-inch-chambered Remington 11-87 with a 28-inch

barrel. He mounted the gun, called for the bird and shot it into blackish-orange dust. "I told you I could shoot it!" he said amidst cheers and slaps on the back.

I wasn't surprised to hear the next morning that he had taken his first turkey. The story is a classic, like thousands of others and totally his own.

"The birds came closer and I finally saw the hen first. I was real excited and also a little nervous," said Kade of the morning's hunt. "I took my safety off and pulled my 20-gauge Mossberg tight on my shoulder and waited for a good shot at this gobbler. The hen looked right at our blind and John thought she would rat us out. The gobbler went back into strut...and when he stuck his head out, I blasted." But the experience didn't end with the shot.

Later that morning, three generations rehashed the hunt. True to the unwritten tradition, his less successful (not to mention four to seven times older) hunting companions questioned, teased and praised the already tired Kade to near exhaustion about his success. Gentle jealousy never felt so good.

Why shouldn't all 9-year-olds have that much fun? Indiana's new youth seasons will ensure that at least a few more do.



Katie Maxwell, Indianapolis, takes a moment to

**Youth Small Game
Free Hunting
Weekend**

September 2 and 3, 2006

A new youth small game free hunting weekend will take place on September 2 and 3, 2006. Any resident age 15 years or younger on the date of the hunt, and accompanied



reflect on her first wild turkey hunt.

by an adult of at least 18 years of age, can take squirrel, mourning dove, Canada goose and other early migratory birds in season during this special youth small game free hunting weekend. The youth hunter does not have to possess a hunting license, HIP number or stamp but must comply with all other hunting regulations. The accompanying adult must be in close enough proximity in order to monitor and communicate with the youth hunter at all times and may assist the youth hunter, including calling, but may not carry a firearm or bow and arrow. The accompanying adult must possess a valid hunting license, unless exempted from needing a license. See pages 2-3 for license exemptions.

Youth Deer Hunt Season

September 23 and 24, 2006

A new special youth deer hunting season will take place on Sept. 23 and 24, 2006. Any youth age 15 years or younger on the date of the hunt, and accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age, can take one antlerless deer during this special youth deer season. This deer is in addition to any deer taken during any other season. While the accompanying adult cannot take a deer when in the field with the youth hunter, both the youth and the adult must wear hunter orange.

The youth hunter must possess a valid youth hunting license, which includes the completion of a hunter education class, but the accompanying adult does not need to possess a hunting license while in the field with the youth hunter. The youth hunter must comply with all deer hunting regulations including wearing hunter orange, tagging the deer and checking it in to a deer check station within 48 hours of the take. The youth hunter may use a legal shotgun, muzzleloader, bow and arrow, or crossbow, to take the deer, but may possess only one

type of equipment to take a deer while in the field. The accompanying adult cannot possess a firearm, muzzleloader, bow and arrow or crossbow while in the field with the youth hunter.

Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Season

April 21 and 22, 2007

A youth wild turkey season will take place on April 21 and 22, 2007. It will allow a youth turkey hunter who is fifteen years old or younger to take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by an adult of at least eighteen years of age.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, and does not need to possess a turkey hunting license. The youth hunter may take only one bearded or male wild turkey during the Spring season, inclusive of the youth and regular Spring turkey seasons. The youth must be properly licensed to take a wild turkey and comply with all tagging and check-in requirements.



Hoosier hunters face challenges and succeed

by Ben Shadley

Hunting seasons in Indiana have it all, cold weather, snow and those permanently overcast days that bring the nearly unbearable icy drizzle. It's a hearty lot that takes to the woods during Hoosier hunting season in pursuit in game. Some hunters, though, face a challenge that makes the weather pale in comparison.

Persons of disability deal with, and overcome, obstacles that would keep many hunters on the couch. Just ask Chuck Tennant; he's a life-long deer hunter despite being in a wheelchair for 39 years.

Last December, he braved freezing temperatures to participate in a special hunt for persons with disabilities. During this hunt, he had the assistance of volunteers, but that's not always the case for him. He called the special hunt a "luxury," quite a term for a day that began before dawn and ended without the mercury breaking double digits.

Tennant's not alone in his dedication. All across the state, persons with disabilities conquer a full range of hardships without a second thought. And they're often successful. Tennant closed that December day with a buck and doe.

The DNR recognizes the special challenges faced by persons with disabilities and offers a special permit to individuals with a disability that prevents them from taking wildlife under regular hunting regulations.

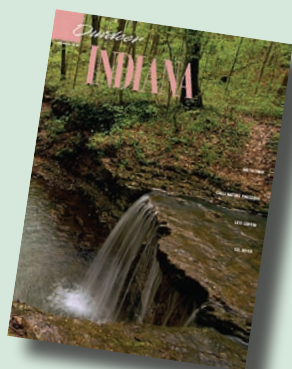
These special permits allow hunters that can't walk or have serious walking limitations to hunt from a vehicle. And with prior permission, hunters with disabilities can gain access to lands or roads that are otherwise closed to vehicular traffic. A permit to use a crossbow may also be issued if the hunter is unable to use a regular bow.

To apply for a Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit, the hunter must complete an application and have a statement of disability from a physician.

Application forms and the rules governing the use of the permit are available from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, 402 W. Washington St., W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4102. Hunters must have their applications in by August 1, 2006 to be considered for the fall hunting seasons.



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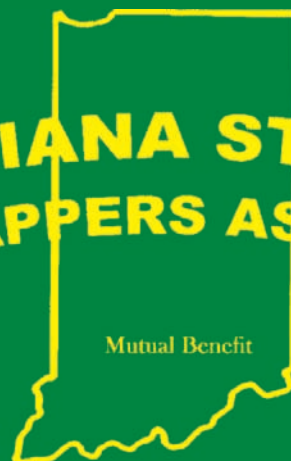
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Women find hunting success using outdoor skills training

by Dawn Krause

Barbara Simpson, a past participant of the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop in West Lafayette, Ind., had never before gone hunting. So when the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, along with the BOW program, offered a pheasant hunt for past BOW attendees, she jumped at the chance.

"I attended BOW because I was interested in learning how to trap shoot," said Simpson. "When DNR offered the pheasant hunt through BOW, I thought it was a great opportunity for someone who is not a hunter to experience hunting with a dog and a guide."

Simpson was very successful, bagging a pheasant while "slugging a bunch of lead." Since the workshop and the hunt, Simpson has since bought her own shotgun and even joined a gun club.

"My son had the good fortune of being able to enjoy hunting with his dad," she added. "But, there are so many kids who grow up in the city and do not have that opportunity. BOW is definitely a great stepping stone that gives people that experience."

The BOW workshop introduces women to outdoor sports and skills in a non-threatening, hands-on manner. Women, 18-years-old and older, with little to no experience in the outdoors can learn to enjoy Indiana's natural resources without being intimidated or made to feel inadequate.

"I knew nothing about fly fishing before

the workshop," said Rebecca Mauser, previous workshop participant. "But now, I feel comfortable going to a store, buying equipment and tackle, setting it up and going fishing."

All classes focus on one of three areas, hunting and shooting sports, fishing sports and outdoor recreation. Women can learn anything from how to safely drive an ATV, clean fish and game or shoot a bow and arrow.

"I love that I'll be taking home a wood duck I carved from scratch, a homemade rabbit skin hat and a cookbook for cooking in a dutch oven," said Jessica Sparger, another past participant.

To foster learning, classes are taught in a hands-on manner. Instructors often begin with a discussion about a sport and move on to the hands-on portion of the class. During this segment, the ladies will go out on the water and canoe, fly fish for bass or identify deer tracks in the wild. Since most participants are new to the outdoors, the instructors are very patient and supportive, helping participants learning their new sport.

"I could ask a question without being embarrassed because of my lack of knowledge on a topic," said Cindy Basile, former workshop participant.

"It's a very safe environment," Sparger added, "I never felt stupid no matter how inexperienced I was."

The workshop began at the University



of Wisconsin at Stevens-Point as part of a thesis paper. Then doctoral student, Dr. Christine L. Thomas, was seeking to determine the most effective method of introducing women to the outdoors. In 1991, the first BOW workshop was held, filling to capacity. Since then, workshops have been held in almost every state, including Indiana, as well as Canada and New Zealand. The experiment showed that women better learned outdoor skills in a non-competitive, non-intimidating environment. The research also discovered that many women wanted to learn these skills and found strength in learning outdoor sports by fostering relationships with other like-minded women.

"I really enjoyed being with women who enjoy the outdoors and like to try new things," said Basile. "I think it's great letting women do things that our brothers and husbands did, but were considered so unladylike when I was growing up. It's nice just letting us be people."

The Indiana BOW workshop is now held at Ross Camp in West Lafayette in late April or early May. Registrations are held online in March, although those without internet access may also call for an application.

For more information about the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop, go online to www.bow.IN.gov.

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Posey

Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area

South of Mt. Vernon. Hunting for dove, squirrel, deer, woodcock, turkey and waterfowl. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 7,002

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (812) 838-2927

Pulaski

Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Winamac. Hunting for quail, rabbit, dove, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Put-and-take pheasant hunting (fee is charged). Jump shooting for ducks is limited by fall water levels. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 4,770

Camping: No Shooting range: Yes
Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (574) 946-4422

Howat 80 Wildlife Management Area

Near Francesville. Hunting for rabbit, squirrel, deer, turkey, woodcock. Night hunting for raccoon, coyote and fox.

Acreage: 80

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Trapping: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Jasper-Pulaski FWA (219) 843-4841

Putnam

Lieber State Recreation Area, Cagles Mill Lake

Near Cloverdale. Hunting for quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, grouse, turkey, snipe, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting on lake.

Night hunting for raccoon and fox. Handicapped hunting area for deer and squirrel.

Acreage: 8,780 (1,400 Water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (765) 795-4576

Randolph

Modoc Wildlife Management Area

East of Modoc. Hunting for rabbit, quail, squirrel and deer. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 166

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve on site)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Wilbur Wright FWA, (765) 529-9581

Randolph County Wildlife Management Area

West of Ridgeville. Hunting for rabbit, quail, squirrel and deer.

Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 419

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve on site)

Managed by DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Wilbur Wright FWA, (765) 529-9581



Scott

Hardy Lake

Near Scottsburg. Hunting for quail, rabbit, turkey, squirrel, deer, snipe, woodcock. Duck hunting from blinds. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 2,120 (741 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No
Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (812) 794-3800

Stucker Fork Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Scottsburg. Hunting for squirrel, deer, turkey, waterfowl.

Acreage: 1,528

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Crosley FWA, (812) 346-5596

Starke

Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Knox. Hunting for squirrel, deer, snipe, turkey, woodcock, dove, waterfowl. Duck and goose hunting from blinds (boats provided). Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 4,095

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (574) 896-3522

Koontz Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near Koontz Lake. Hunting for waterfowl.

Acreage: 58

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Kankakee FWA, (574) 896-3522

Turkey Foot Wetlands Conservation Area

Near Hamlet. Hunting for waterfowl and upland game.

Acreage: 130

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Kankakee FWA, (574) 896-3522

Round Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near North Judson. Hunting for waterfowl, turkey, upland game.

Acreage: 140

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Kankakee FWA, (219) 896-3522

Steuben

Cedar Swamp Wetland Conservation Area

Near Fremont. Hunting for waterfowl, deer, woodcock, pheasant, rabbit, squirrel, fox, coyote and raccoon. Hunting for pheasant for the first three days of the season and hunting for waterfowl on opening day and weekends is by drawing only.

Acreage: 863

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Pigeon River FWA, (260) 367-2164

Jimmerson Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near Nevada Mills. Hunting for waterfowl.

Acreage: 70

Camping: No Shooting range: No
Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Pigeon River FWA, (260) 367-2164

Marsh Lake Wetland Conservation Area

Near Fremont. Hunting for raccoon, waterfowl, deer, pheasant, rabbit, squirrel, fox, coyote. Hunting for pheasant for the first three days of the season and hunting for waterfowl on opening day and week-ends is by drawing only.

Acreage: 800

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Pigeon River FWA, (260) 367-2164

Sullivan

Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area

1.5 miles east of Sullivan. Hunting for quail, turkey, dove, rabbit, deer, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting from non-blind areas at marshes, lakes, fields. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 8382

Camping: No Shooting range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (812) 268-5640

Fairbanks Landing Fish and Wildlife Area

1.7 miles west of Fairbanks. Hunting for quail, turkey, rabbit, deer, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting from non-blind areas along riverfront. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 8000

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: (812) 268-5640

Switzerland

Splinter Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Madison. Hunting for rabbit, quail, turkey, squirrel, deer. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 2,491

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Crosley FWA, (812) 346-5596

Union

Brookville Lake

Near Liberty. Hunting for quail, rabbit,

deer, squirrel, snipe, turkey, woodcock. Duck and goose hunting at main lake and marshes. Night hunting for raccoon and fox.

Acreage: 16,445 (5,260 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: Yes

Archery range: Yes

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (765) 647-2657

Wabash

Mississinewa Lake

Southeast of Peru, south of Wabash. Hunting for rabbit, deer, squirrel, quail, woodcock, snipe. Duck and goose hunting on ponds, lake and river. Night hunting for raccoon, opossum, coyote, and fox. Turkey hunting by drawing.

Acreage: 14,386 (3,210 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: (765) 473-6528

Salamonie Lake

East of Wabash. Hunting for quail, dove, turkey, rabbit, deer, squirrel, snipe, woodcock. Waterfowl hunting at ponds, marshes, lakes and river. Night hunting for raccoon, opossum, coyote and fox. Turkey hunting by drawing.

Acreage: 11,056 (2,860 water)

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and

Reservoirs

Contact: Salamonie Reservoir, (260) 468-2125

Salamonie River State Forest

East of Wabash. Hunting for rabbit, deer, squirrel. Duck hunting on the river. Night hunting for raccoon, fox and coyote.

Turkey hunting by drawing.

Acreage: 781

Camping: Yes Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes

Managed by: DNR Division of Parks and Reservoirs

Contact: Salamonie Lake, (260) 468-2125

Warrick

Little Pigeon Creek Wetland Conservation Area

Near Gentryville. Hunting for deer, turkey, quail, waterfowl, raccoon.

Acreage: 846 in three tracts.

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: No

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Glendale FWA, (812) 644-7731

Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area

Near Evansville. Hunting for deer, quail, dove and waterfowl.

Acreage 2500

Camping: No Shooting range: No

Mandatory check-in: Yes (self-serve)

Managed by: DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Sugar Ridge FWA, (812) 789-2724

